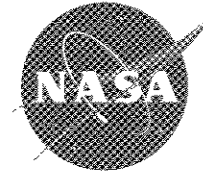


National Aeronautics and Space Administration  
**George C. Marshall Space Flight Center**  
Marshall Space Flight Center, AL 35812



March 17, 2011

Reply to Attn of:

LS01 (AMM)

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

FROM: LS01/ William J. Bierbower

SUBJECT: Approval for NASA Employees with Senior Institutional and Project Management Responsibilities to Accept the Invitation of The U.S. Space and Rocket Center and Analytical Services, Inc., to Join Apollo 13 Astronaut Fred Haise "For A Dinner Voyage to the Moon"

In accordance with 5 CFR § 2635.204(g)(2) and (3), I make the following determination:

Certain NASA employees with senior leadership and project management responsibilities have been invited to join Apollo 13 Astronaut Fred Haise "For A Dinner Voyage to the Moon" Thursday, March 17, 2011, at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center (USSRC) Davidson Center for Space Exploration. This event is sponsored by Analytical Services, Inc., which is a NASA contractor. The evening will include a reception, dinner, presentation by Mr. Haise, and Apollo 13 movie excerpts, with personal commentary by Mr. Haise.

The USSRC is an agency of the State of Alabama, and is the visitor information center for NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC). The USSRC is committed to educating the public about the history of the U.S. Space Program and the work currently being done at MSFC.

This event will be a widely attended gathering of NASA officials, local elected officials, Alabama Space Science Exhibit Commission Board members, congressional staffers, and several community leaders. Tickets to the event have a face value of \$125, with proceeds going to the USSRC Scholarship Fund. Total expected attendance is around 200 people. I find that the event meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 CFR § 2635.204(g)(2).

Certain Senior NASA employees<sup>1</sup> have been invited to attend this event. NASA personnel who have been invited to attend this event, presently, or may in the near future have extensive involvement in matters relating to USSRC and Analytical Services, Inc.

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<sup>1</sup> The MSFC Director, Office of Strategic Analysis and Communications; Supervisor, External Relations Office; and Deputy Manager, Science and Mission Systems Office.

These personnel are similarly situated in that they each have senior leadership responsibilities that could significantly influence current or future agreements with the USSRC or Analytical Services, Inc., and could significantly affect the interests of USSRC or Analytical Services, Inc.

I have determined that free attendance of these individuals at the event is in the interests of the agency because it will further agency programs and operations. The attendance of these NASA officials at the event will help to raise NASA's profile with local business community, and governmental leaders, will contribute to community relations, and will support NASA's statutory mandate to disseminate information about its programs.

Given the purpose of the event, NASA's interest in it, the broad attendance anticipated, and the reasonable market value of the event, I have determined that the value to the agency in having these individuals attend this event outweighs any concern that free attendance may, or may appear to improperly influence them in the performance of their duties.

Accordingly, NASA employees in the positions identified above may accept free attendance at the event. They may also accept invitations for accompanying spouses or guests.

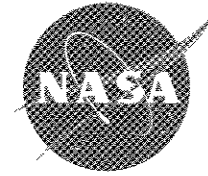
The USSRC and Analytical Services, Inc. are not lobbying organizations and are not registered as such under the Lobbying Disclosure Act.

Questions about this determination may be addressed to Annette Metcalf Coffel at 256-544-0025.

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William J. Bierbower  
Chief Counsel

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**George C. Marshall Space Flight Center**  
Marshall Space Flight Center, AL 35812



March 17, 2011

Reply to Attn of:

LS01 (AMM)

**MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD**

**FROM:** LS01/ William J. Bierbower

**SUBJECT:** Blanket Approval for NASA Employees to Accept the Invitation of The U.S. Space and Rocket Center and Analytical Services, Inc., to Join Apollo 13 Astronaut Fred Haise "For a Dinner Voyage to the Moon"

In accordance with 5 CFR. § 2635.204(g)(2) and (3), I make the following determination:

Several NASA employees have been invited to join Apollo 13 Astronaut Fred Haise "For A Dinner Voyage to the Moon" Thursday, March 17, 2011, at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center (USSRC) Davidson Center for Space Exploration. This event is sponsored by Analytical Services, Inc., which is a NASA contractor. The evening will include a reception, dinner, presentation by Mr. Haise, and Apollo 13 movie excerpts with personal commentary by Mr. Haise.

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Accordingly, NASA employees may accept free attendance at the event. They may also accept invitations for accompanying spouses or guests.

NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the U.S. Space and Rocket Center or Analytical Services, Inc., are not covered in this determination and should seek a specific determination from this office pursuant to 5 CFR 2635.204(g)(3)(i) regarding their participation in this event.

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Questions about this determination may be addressed to Annette Metcalf Coffel at 256-544-0025.

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William J. Bierbower  
Chief Counsel